WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Poor Financial assistance for Ayurveda and Homeopathy Systems of Medicine

*44. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that from the funds allocated for medical treatment 97 per cent are spent only on Allopathy system of medicine and only 3 per cent on other system of medicine such as Ayurveda, Homeopathy despite those being popular;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard by World Health Organisation or by any other agency;

(d) if so, whether any report has been submitted to Government;

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(f) the reasons for the poor financial assistance to the Ayurveda and Homeopathy ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a), (b) and (f) The Central Annual Plan Outlay for Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy for 1993-94 is Rs. 21.25 crores as compared to total plan outlay of Rs. 483.30 crores in Health Sector. Lower allocations for these systems as compared to allopathy are primarily on account of the treatment being cheaper, less equipment oriented and not requiring extensive hospital facilities. Further, a large proportion of the outlays in the health sector are in respect of National disease control programmes which do not have a component of these systems. The plan outlays for ISM&H is being stepped by 40% in 1993-94 as compared to the previous year.

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(c), (d) and (e) Two reports by National Council of Applied Economic Research and the results of the 42nd round of National Sample Survey are available, which indicate the extent of reliance on allopathy & ISM&H by households.

Leakage of Gas in Godavari Basin

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant leakage of gas from the drillings in Godavari basin;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the total loss of gas alongwith its value;

(c) what steps have been taken to arrest the same; and

(d) what precautions are being taken to avoid such accedents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) During the drilling operations at Komaradal well in East Godavari District, a blow out occured on 20-3-1993 which was controlled on 15-4-1993. Since this was an uncontrolled flow of fluids from the well it was not possible to measure the quantum of gas coming out of the well.

(c) The services of M/s. Neal Adams Fire Fighters Inc. USA had been requisitioned by ONGC and an Action Plan for capping the well was drawn up. Accordingly by employment of the "Dynamic kill" method by cutting the drill pipe and thereafter pumping heavy mud, the blow out has been brought under control on 15-4-1993.